GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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TRADITIONAL METHODS FOR WATER RESOURCES
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to implement the traditional methods to overcome the shortage of water in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The traditional methods of rain water harvesting are being emphasized for implementation in an integrated manner. Tanks, Ponds and roof-top rain water collection systems are some of the means of rain water harvesting. Rehabilitation of existing tanks is also being implemented in the States of Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Pondicherry and Rajasthan.

Adoption of these methods throughout the country is likely to contribute significantly to overcome the shortage of water. Water, being a State subject, the water resources projects including those for implementing traditional methods of rain water harvesting are formulated, planned, implemented and funded by the respective State Governments as per their priorities and from their own resources.